WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Schemes for Indian Scientists settled abroad

*25. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any schemes to get back Indian scientists settled abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A number of measures have been taken from time to time in the past to attract Indian scientists and technologists settled abroad to come back to the country. Some of these are:

—There is provision for temporary placement of scientists and technoligists under the scheme of Scientists Pool.

—A provision has also been made for creation of supernumerary posts.

—With a view to assisting non-resident Indians to secure expeditious clearance of their applications for setting up of industrial units in the country, a Special Cell has been created in the Ministry of Industry.

—New scientific departments/organisations such as Departments of Biotechnology, Ocean Development, Environment, Non-conventional Energy Sources, Centre of Development of Telematics (C-DOT) etc. have been set up and some of these are in high technology areas which are likely to provide opportunities for scientists and technologists and attract them into the country.

—Total outlay for science & technology has been increased in the successive Five Year Plans.

—Delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers has been made to scientific institutions to improve working conditions of scientists.

—Facilities to import equipment have been provided to the scientists and technologists returning from abroad.

—Programmes have been launched through which core groups of scientists are created in the country with all necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science.

—Indian origin professional men and women who have distinguished themselves in their fields of activity and are settled abroad are being invited for short term technical assignments to assist in our developmental efforts in frontier areas of technology and emerging areas of science through a UNDP sponsored programme known as TOKTEN (Transfer of knowhow through expatriate Nationals).

Supply of nuclear submarine to Pakistan by U.S.A.

*26. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent reports appearing in a section of the press regarding an interview of U.S. Ambassador to Islamabad wherein he has categorically stated that U.S.A. propose to supply latest U.S. nuclear submarine to Pakistan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that P-3 Orion Planes are also being supplied to Pakistan by U.S.A.; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. These have been